

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A system for documenting a clinical intervention involving a healthcare provider and a patient comprising:

a memory for storing a documented clinical intervention.

10 a window enabling access to a plurality of reference codes for documenting the clinical intervention, each of the plurality of reference codes being stored within the system and include at least one pre-defined parameter, the plurality of reference codes including: problem, severity, recommendation, outcome, and status;

 the problem reference code comprising a list of clinical intervention problem descriptions;

15 the severity reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention severity descriptions.

 the recommendation reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention recommendation descriptions;

 the outcome reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention outcome descriptions; and,

20 the status reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention status descriptions;

wherein the healthcare provider selects among the pre-defined parameters to characterize the clinical intervention.

25 2. The system of Claim 1 further comprising:

a sub-problem reference code comprising a list of clinical intervention sub-problem descriptions.

30 3. The system of Claim 2 further comprising:

a sub-specific reference code comprising a list of clinical intervention sub-specific problem descriptions.

4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

a message station being capable of automatically messaging a recommendation to a specific healthcare provider.

5 5. The method of Claim 4 further wherein the specific healthcare provider is a plurality of healthcare providers, each being a member of a unit.

6. For the system of Claim 1, a method for facilitating a clinical intervention involving a healthcare provider and a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

10 assessing the patient's medical condition;
documenting the clinical intervention by selecting the pre-defined parameter from the plurality of reference codes;
recommending an action to address the assessed medical condition;
sending the recommendation to healthcare personnel involved with treating the
15 patient; and,
storing the documented clinical intervention.

7. The method of Claim 6 further including:

20 defining a potential problem;
prioritizing the recommendation;
sending a recommendation

8. A method of documenting a clinical intervention involving a healthcare provider and a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

25 defining a list of reference codes;
storing the list of reference codes;
displaying the list of reference codes on a screen;
enabling the reference codes to be selected for inclusion during clinical intervention documentation; and,
30 storing the documented clinical intervention.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein the list of reference codes comprising:

problem, severity, recommendation, outcome, and status;

the problem reference code comprising a list of clinical intervention problem descriptions;

5 the severity reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention severity descriptions.

the recommendation reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention recommendation descriptions;

10 the outcome reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention outcome descriptions; and,

the status reference code comprising a table of clinical intervention status descriptions;

wherein the healthcare provider selects among the pre-defined parameters to characterize the clinical intervention.

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